

INTERNAL TRADE MOVEMENTS

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WASHINGTON, May 28.—The reports of internal trade movements as received by the Department of Commerce and Labor through its Bureau of Statistics, show increased grain receipts for the month of April and a corresponding increase in the receipts for the corresponding month in 1904. While gains were also indicated for March by a like comparison, the losses sustained in January and February were so heavy as to cause the total grain receipts for the first four months of 1905 to fall greatly below those of a similar period in 1904.

At twelve interl primary markets the total inbound grain movement in April aggregated 54,680,556 bushels, in contrast with a similar movement of 57,624,189 bushels during the corresponding month in 1904. Of the different cereals, wheat arrivals amounted to 8,853,054 bushels in 1905 and 8,890,211 bushels in 1904; corn to 13,885,187 bushels in 1905 and 9,715,946 bushels in 1904; oats to 8,466,965 bushels in 1905 and 7,555,783 bushels in 1904; barley to 3,403,764 bushels in 1905 and 2,777,410 bushels in 1904; and rye to 481,861 bushels in 1905 and 407,440 bushels in 1904. The total grain receipts at these markets during the first four months of the current year amounted to 184,663,362 bushels, a loss of over 10,000,000 bushels as compared with a like movement in 1904.

The receipts of live stock in the five markets of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and St. Joseph for the month of April, aggregated 2,618,121 head, a slight gain over corresponding movements of either 1903 or 1904. Cattle were received for the amount of 585,654 head, calves 69,850 head, hogs 1,208,402 head, sheep 781,633 head and horses and mules 52,067 head. As compared with a similar period in 1904 and 1903, the receipts of cattle and hogs, while gains were made in the arrivals of calves, sheep, horses and mules.

For the first four months of the current year the arrivals of all kinds of live stock at these markets totaled 11,429,855 head in 1905 and 12,017,111 head in 1904; for the period in 1904, and 10,065,789 head in 1903. Of the 1905 movement, hogs numbered 6,937,948 head, amounting to over one-half of the total movement of all animals. Total cattle arrivals for this period, which were 2,256,797 head, showed a decided decrease if compared with like receipts in 1904 or 1903.

According to the present year's figures, Chicago leads with reference to the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep, while St. Louis has received the greatest number of horses and mules. The cars required to handle the total live stock arrivals at these markets during the first four months of the current year numbered 203,700, while in 1904 197,212 cars were employed and in 1903 197,234 cars.

Chicago's live stock arrivals were declared open on April 8, when several boats left Duluth bound for Eastern Lake ports. This opening was nearly a month earlier than in 1904, and the result was an increase in the traffic for the fourth month of the current year was therefore much heavier than that for a similar month of the preceding year. The total net tonnage of all arrivals in 1905, 3,108,180 net tons of freight were received at the above Lake ports, as compared with 350,381 net tons for a corresponding month in 1904 and 270,755 net tons in 1903. Shipments for similar months totaled 3,078,949 net tons in 1905, 360,448 net tons in 1904 and 3,299,758 net tons in 1903. During the first four months of the current year the net movement on the Great Lakes amounted to 2,828,506 net tons, while similar receipts during 1904 were 852,448 net tons and those for 1903 8,515,703 net tons.